

Venue in condemnation proceedings, see section 1403 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 8 section 1103; title 16 sections 81e, 159a, 231b, 242, 263, 403i, 423k, 423n, 425a, 430a, 430k, 430u, 430nn, 433c, 433h, 447b, 449, 450m, 450p, 459a; title 25 sections 500a, 941j, 1724, 1754; title 42 sections 1532, 2222; title 43 section 1522.

§ 258. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, acts Aug. 1, 1888, ch. 728, § 2, 25 Stat. 357; Mar. 3, 1911, ch. 231, § 291, 36 Stat. 1167, which in connection with condemnation proceedings, required conformity, as near as might be, to state practice and pleading, has been superseded by Rule 71A of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

§ 258a. Lands, easements, or rights of way for public use; taking of possession and title in advance of final judgment; authority; procedure

In any proceeding in any court of the United States outside of the District of Columbia which has been or may be instituted by and in the name of and under the authority of the United States for the acquisition of any land or easement or right of way in land for the public use, the petitioner may file in the cause, with the petition or at any time before judgment, a declaration of taking signed by the authority empowered by law to acquire the lands described in the petition, declaring that said lands are thereby taken for the use of the United States. Said declaration of taking shall contain or have annexed thereto—

- (1) A statement of the authority under which and the public use for which said lands are taken.
- (2) A description of the lands taken sufficient for the identification thereof.
- (3) A statement of the estate or interest in said lands taken for said public use.
- (4) A plan showing the lands taken.
- (5) A statement of the sum of money estimated by said acquiring authority to be just compensation for the land taken.

Upon the filing said declaration of taking and of the deposit in the court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, of the amount of the estimated compensation stated in said declaration, title to the said lands in fee simple absolute, or such less estate or interest therein as is specified in said declaration, shall vest in the United States of America, and said lands shall be deemed to be condemned and taken for the use of the United States, and the right to just compensation for the same shall vest in the persons entitled thereto; and said compensation shall be ascertained and awarded in said proceeding and established by judgment therein, and the said judgment shall include, as part of the just compensation awarded, interest in accordance with section 258e-1 of this title on the amount finally awarded as the value of the property as of the date of taking, from said date to the date of payment; but interest shall not be allowed on so much thereof as shall have been paid into the court. No sum so paid into the court shall be charged with commissions or poundage.

Upon the application of the parties in interest, the court may order that the money deposited in the court, or any part thereof, be paid forthwith for or on account of the just compensation to be awarded in said proceeding. If the compensation finally awarded in respect of said lands, or any parcel thereof, shall exceed the amount of the money so received by any person entitled, the court shall enter judgment against the United States for the amount of the deficiency.

Upon the filing of a declaration of taking, the court shall have power to fix the time within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner. The court shall have power to make such orders in respect of encumbrances, liens, rents, taxes, assessments, insurance, and other charges, if any, as shall be just and equitable.

(Feb. 26, 1931, ch. 307, § 1, 46 Stat. 1421; Pub. L. 99-656, § 1(1), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3668.)

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-656 substituted “interest in accordance with section 258e-1 of this title” for “interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum” in second par.

SHORT TITLE

Act Feb. 26, 1931, ch. 307, 46 Stat. 1421, as amended, which is classified to section 258a et seq. of this title, is popularly known as the “Declaration of Taking Act”.

FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Procedure in condemnation proceedings, see rule 71A, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure. Section as not affected by that rule, see note of the Advisory Committee set out thereunder.

CROSS REFERENCES

Condemnation of property, right of Government officers, see section 257 of this title.

District of Columbia, eminent domain, see, section 16-1301 et seq. of the District of Columbia Code.

Jurisdiction and venue in condemnation cases, see sections 1358 and 1403 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 258b, 258c, 258d, 258e-1 of this title; title 10 section 7422; title 16 sections 79c, 831c; title 25 sections 500a, 941j, 1724, 1754; title 33 section 598; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 1502, 1592d, 1594a, 2222, 4651; title 43 section 1522.

§ 258b. Taking in advance of final judgment; appeal or giving of bond as preventing or delaying vesting of title

No appeal in any cause under section 258a of this title nor any bond or undertaking given therein shall operate to prevent or delay the vesting of title to such lands in the United States.

(Feb. 26, 1931, ch. 307, § 2, 46 Stat. 1422.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 258e-1 of this title; title 10 section 7422; title 16 section 831c; title 25 section 500a; title 33 section 598; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 1502, 1594a, 2222.

§ 258c. Obligation of United States to pay ultimate award when fixed

Action under section 258a of this title irrevocably committing the United States to the

payment of the ultimate award shall not be taken unless the chief of the executive department or agency or bureau of the Government empowered to acquire the land shall be of the opinion that the ultimate award probably will be within any limits prescribed by Congress on the price to be paid.

(Feb. 26, 1931, ch. 307, § 3, 46 Stat. 1422.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 258e-1 of this title; title 10 section 7422; title 16 section 831c; title 25 section 500a; title 33 section 598; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 1502, 1594a, 2222.

§ 258d. Taking in advance of final judgment; right as additional to existing rights, powers, and authority

The right to take possession and title in advance of final judgment in condemnation proceedings as provided by section 258a of this title shall be in addition to any right, power, or authority conferred by the laws of the United States or those of any State or Territory under which such proceedings may be conducted, and shall not be construed as abrogating, limiting, or modifying any such right, power, or authority.

(Feb. 26, 1931, ch. 307, § 4, 46 Stat. 1422.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 258e-1 of this title; title 10 section 7422; title 16 section 831c; title 25 section 500a; title 33 section 598; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 1502, 1594a, 2222.

§ 258e. Taking in advance of final judgment; demolition of buildings thereon; erection of public buildings or works; funds available for purpose

In any case in which the United States has taken or may take possession of any real property during the course of condemnation proceedings and in advance of final judgment therein and the United States has become irrevocably committed to pay the amount ultimately to be awarded as compensation, it shall be lawful to expend moneys duly appropriated for that purpose in demolishing existing structures on said land and in erecting public buildings or public works thereon: *Provided*, That in the opinion of the Attorney General, the title has been vested in the United States or all persons having an interest therein have been made parties to such proceeding and will be bound by the final judgment therein.

(Feb. 26, 1931, ch. 307, § 5, 46 Stat. 1422; Pub. L. 91-393, § 4, Sept. 1, 1970, 84 Stat. 835.)

AMENDMENTS

1970—Pub. L. 91-393 struck out “, notwithstanding the provisions of section 255 of this title” after “public works thereon”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 258e-1 of this title; title 10 section 7422; title 16 section 831c; title 25 section 500a; title 33 section 598; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 1502, 1594a, 2222.

§ 258e-1. Interest as part of just compensation

Interest required to be paid under sections 258a to 258e-1 of this title shall be calculated by the district court as follows:

(1) Where the period for which interest is owed does not exceed one year, interest shall be calculated for such period from the date of taking at an annual rate equal to the coupon issue yield equivalent (as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury) of the average accepted auction price for the last auction of 52 week United States Treasury bills settled immediately before the date of taking.

(2) Where the period for which interest is owed is more than one year, interest for the first year shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph (1) and interest for each additional year shall be calculated on the combined amount of the principal (the amount by which the award of compensation exceeds the deposit referred to in section 258a of this title) and accrued interest at an annual rate equal to the coupon issue yield equivalent (as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury) of the average accepted auction price for the last auction of 52 week United States Treasury bills settled immediately before the beginning of each additional year.

The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall distribute to all Federal courts notice of the rates described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

(Feb. 26, 1931, ch. 307, § 6, as added Pub. L. 99-656, § 1(2), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3668.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 258a of this title; title 10 section 7422; title 16 section 831c; title 25 section 500a; title 33 section 598; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 1502, 1594a, 2222.

§ 258f. Exclusion of certain property by stipulation of Attorney General

In any condemnation proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the United States, the Attorney General is authorized to stipulate or agree in behalf of the United States to exclude any property or any part thereof, or any interest therein, that may have been, or may be, taken by or on behalf of the United States by declaration of taking or otherwise.

(Oct. 21, 1942, ch. 618, 56 Stat. 797.)

§§ 259, 260. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-249, § 17(7), (12), Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 484, 485

Section 259, R.S. § 3734; act June 25, 1910, ch. 383, § 33, 36 Stat. 699, prescribed a limitation on the cost of sites for public buildings.

Section 260, act Mar. 2, 1889, ch. 411, 25 Stat. 941, prohibited payment of commissions for disbursements on account of sites for public buildings, and prescribed the manner of making payments for sites for public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department. See section 601 et seq. of this title.

SAVINGS PROVISION

Sections repealed except as to their application to any project referred to in section 613 of this title, see section 17 of Pub. L. 86-249, set out as a note under section 341 of this title.